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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Intelligence Division

SUBJECT : Interview with Lubomir FISCHER

1. Pursuant to your request, one of our staff employees interviewed Lubomir FISCHER regarding Kaca Maria DELP-ZIDEK, nee GRANVILLE, alias Kaca POLACKOVA. The interview was held in FISCHER's city of residence, Opladen, West Germany. He provided the information given in paragraph 2 below without reservation and without appearing to be deceitful. Believed to be same Kaca POLACKOVA worked for Lubomir Fischer in Czech

2. FISCHER had never heard of any of the above mentioned names, except for Kaca POLACKOVA. News Agency. He said that, as manager of CTK, the Czech news agency, he had hired a woman named Kaca POLACKOVA and her mother in the late 1950's or in 1960 in Prague. He provided the following information concerning her as best as he could remember: (CTK) 1950 or 1960

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A. Kaca POLACKOVA was a Czech American and had come from the United States to Czechoslovakia with her mother sometime before he met them. Neither she nor her mother had ever worked for the CTK in the US.

B. FISCHER had personally interviewed the two women when they applied for CTK employment. He hired them because of their knowledge of the English language.

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He said that the daughter's capability in that respect was exceptional. They worked on the night shift and translated Czech news releases into English for external publications.

C. After they had worked for five or six years, the daughter told him one day that she had to quit her job because she had to be home at night in order to take care of her child. She had been able to secure a better job, one which afforded her day work translating English publications into the Czech language.

D. After she had left her job he never saw her again. Her mother, however, continued to work for the CTK until her death in about 1967. The mother's last name was BERANKOVA; FISCHER could not recall her first name.

3. FISCHER also related that about a year ago he was visited in Germany by one ZEMANEK (he could not recall his first name), whom he had known as a Czech journalist for many years, and who spoke with him about Kaca POLACKOVA. In past years ZEMANEK had worked for the CTK in numerous countries, including England and the US. He broke with the Czech regime sometime around 1967 or 1968, during the "Prague spring" while working for the Czech Government at the United Nations in New York City. He has remained in New York and was working for the press department of the UN at the time of his visit with FISCHER.

4. ZEMANEK told FISCHER that he had met Kaca POLACKOVA in New York City. He said that she was not faring very well, had no money and no job, and had asked him for help. Although ZEMANEK said that he tried to help her, FISCHER does not know whether he was successful.

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5. At the outset of the interview FISCHER promised to provide only factual data. He said that he would not engage in speculations and refused throughout the talk to state what he thought about one or another point. For example, he said that he has no factual knowledge that any CTK employee was in reality a member of Czech intelligence. When asked whether it could have been possible for Czech intelligence to inject someone into the CTK or to induce a regular employee to cooperate, he replied that he had no knowledge of any such instance and refused to provide an opinion. Repeated attempts to draw him out, particularly regarding any knowledge he might have about Czech or other countries' espionage operatives or activities in the US, were unsuccessful. The interviewing officer gained the impression that FISCHER could have provided more information, even though much, if not all, of it would have been based on supposition and suspicion. His lack of full cooperation in this respect is probably due to some difficulties he experienced in obtaining a US immigration visa shortly after his defection.

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6. The person named ZEMANEK, who is mentioned in paragraph 3 above, is no doubt Alexander ZEMANEK, born 6 March 1921 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He had served as a permanent UN correspondent for the CTK from 1959 until his defection in the US in 1968. He has been working in the press department of the UN in New York City since his defection, despite the protests of the Czech delegation to the UN. There has been considerable correspondence between your Bureau and this Agency regarding this person.

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7. We contemplate no further action in this case.

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